

REMARKS

Prior to this Amendment, claims 1-21 were pending. By this Amendment, claims 3-21 have been canceled. Claims 1 and 2 are pending.

Double patenting

Claims 3-21 were rejected for same-invention-type double patenting over claims 1-19 of U.S. Patent No. 6,699,997. Claims 3-21 have been canceled. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 1 and 2 were rejected for obviousness-type double patenting over claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 6,699,997. The Applicants intend to respond to this rejection by submitting a Terminal Disclaimer under 37 C.F.R. §1.3219 (c). An unexecuted version of this Terminal Disclaimer is enclosed herewith. The Applicants will submit an executed Terminal Disclaimer as soon as it is available.

The time for responding to the Office Action was set for May 25, 2005. Enclosed herewith is a Petition for the Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a period sufficient to permit the filing of this response. Please charge any corresponding fees for the Petition to Kenyon & Kenyon's Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

The Applicants hereby make a Conditional Petition for any relief available to correct any defect seen in connection with this filing, or any defect seen to be

remaining in this application after this filing. The Commissioner is authorized to charge Kenyon & Kenyon's Deposit Account No. 11-0600 for the Petition fee and any other fees required to effect this Conditional Petition.

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